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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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10 IVAN SANCHEZ ARIAS,)

11 Plaintiff(s),)

) No. C09-0760 CW (BZ)

12 v.)

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) INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER

14 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL,)

15 Defendant(s).)

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16 All discovery in this matter has been referred to United
17 States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

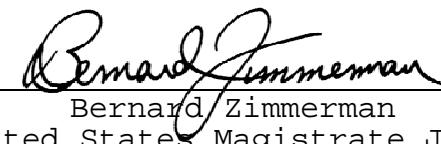
18 In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties
19 shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area,
20 by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their
21 dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the
22 dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent
23 positioning letters; parties shall instead make a
24 contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder
25 or a court reporter.

26 In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the
27 parties must participate in a telephone conference with the
28 Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.

1 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a
2 letter **filed electronically** not exceeding two pages (with no
3 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action
4 and the issues in dispute. Other parties **shall reply** in
5 similar fashion within **two days** of receiving the letter
6 requesting the conference. The Court will contact the parties
7 to schedule the conference.

8 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is
9 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the
10 Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**
11 **Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688)**. A
12 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette
13 formatted in WordPerfect or e-mailed to the following address:
14 **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

15 Dated: April 12, 2010

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18 Bernard Zimmerman
United States Magistrate Judge

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